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Follow-up to the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and beyond

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 44/82 of 8 December 1989, 50/142 of 21 December 1995, 52/81 of 12 December 1997, 54/124 of 17 December 1999, 56/113 of 19 December 2001, 57/164 of 18 December 2002, 58/15 of 3 December 2003, 59/147 of 20 December 2004 and 59/111 of 6 December 2004 concerning the proclamation of the International Year of the Family, the preparations for observance of and follow-up to the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family,

Noting that in paragraph 5 of its resolution 59/111 and paragraph 2 of its resolution 59/147, respectively, the General Assembly underlined the need to realize the objectives of the International Year of the Family and to develop concrete measures and approaches to address national priorities in dealing with family issues,

Cognizant that the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004 provided an impetus for integrating family concerns into the national development planning process,

Aware that the basic objective of the follow-up to the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family is to support families in performing their societal and developmental functions and to build upon their strengths, in particular at the national and local levels,

Recognizing the need to assist families in their supporting, educating and nurturing roles in contributing to social integration,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

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Convinced of the necessity of ensuring an action-oriented follow-up to the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family beyond 2004,

Recognizing the important catalytic and supportive role of United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and the regional commissions in promoting international cooperation by ensuring an action-oriented follow-up in the family field,

Cognizant of the need for continued inter-agency cooperation on the family in order to generate greater awareness of family issues among the governing bodies of the United Nations system,

Recognizing that civil society, including research and academic institutions, have a pivotal role in advocacy, promotion, research, and policymaking in respect of family policy development,

Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and beyond,[1]

1. *Encourages* Governments to continue to make every possible effort to realize the objectives of the International Year of the Family and to integrate a family perspective into policymaking;

2. *Invites* Governments to maintain the national coordination mechanisms established or revitalized during the observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family to coordinate policies, programmes and strategies in order to bring about positive transformations by integrating family issues into national development planning;

3. *Recommends* that Governments, in cooperation with concerned academic and research centres as well as relevant non-governmental organizations, encourage action-oriented research that addresses public policies with a family perspective, utilizing participatory methodologies and techniques to elaborate priority issues and needs of families;

4. *Also recommends* that the research activities of Governments be supplemented with research and publications on relevant topics conducted and supported by the United Nations programme on the family;

5. *Encourages* Governments to support the United Nations Trust Fund on the Family to enable the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat to provide expanded assistance to countries, upon their request;

6. *Invites* Member States, the specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to address family-related concerns within the framework of the commitments undertaken at relevant major United Nations conferences and in their follow-up processes;

7. *Urges* Member States to create a conducive environment for all families regardless of sex, age, status or disability, with particular attention to the rights of women and girls;

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8. *Encourages* continued and increased inter-agency cooperation within the United Nations system on family-related issues, and encourages the programmes, funds and the specialized agencies of the United Nations system to identify focal points on family matters within their offices;

9. *Recommends* that all relevant actors, including Governments, research and academic institutions and civil society, contribute to the development of strategies, policies and programmes aimed at strengthening the economic and sustainable livelihood of families;

10. *Calls upon* the Secretariat to continue its important role on family issues within the United Nations system, and in this regard encourages the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, to continue cooperation with Governments, the United Nations system and civil society in strengthening national capacities through the implementation of the mandated objectives of the International Year of the Family;

11. *Calls upon* Member States to undertake a review of the role and functions of existing national machineries for the family with respect to the integration of the family issue into national development, and in this regard invites the Department of Economic and Social Affairs to support national efforts, upon request;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

13. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-second session the item entitled "Follow-up to the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family".